(a) whether the Union Government have imposed a ceiling on wheat and rice stock holdings of retail and wholesale traders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether necessary directions in this regard have been issued to the States; and

(d) the number of traders arrested for deeping more than the prescribed ceiling of foodgrains along with the action taken against them, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Central Government decided and advised all States/Union Territories on 7th February, 1992 that maximum stock holding limits for wheat and rice separately should not be more than 250 quintals in case of wholesalers and 50 quintals in case of retailers. The States/UTs were directed to issue necessary orders or amend existing orders under the Essential Commodities Act to provide for these limits with immediate effect and enforce revised stock holding limits vigorously.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Wagons for Brick Kiln Industry

3427. SHRI SURENDER REDDY:
SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARY:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have stopped allotment of wagons for transportation of coal to brick kiln industry from February, 1992;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government propose to reconsider and resume allotment of adequate number of wagons to the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Recognised Private Engineering Colleges

3428. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private engineering colleges recognised by the All India Council of Technical Education in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) the system of admission followed in these engineering colleges;

(c) whether the All India Council of Technical Education has received any proposal during 1991-92 to set up new private engineering colleges in Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the AICTE thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH). (a) to (e). Information in being collected.

Improvements of Mysore-Arasikere Section

3429. SHRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: